June 18, 2001

Billy Ray Hankins, Commander

Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Post Office Box 24572 Jackson, MS 39225-4572

Dear Sons of Confederate Veterans:

Thank you for the complimentary copy of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2000 Yearbook. The Governor found the book both informative and educational. The flag issue is one that raises varied emotions in the hearts of all of the citizens throughout the state. The thoughts that you expressed in your letter that touched on the importance of mutual respect and social harmony amongst all Mississippians is a shared desire. The information obtained from the materials you forwarded to the Governor will be kept on file for future reference.

Again, many thanks for sharing your thoughts and concerns with the Governor.

Very truly yours,

Kelly L. Riley Policy Liaison